



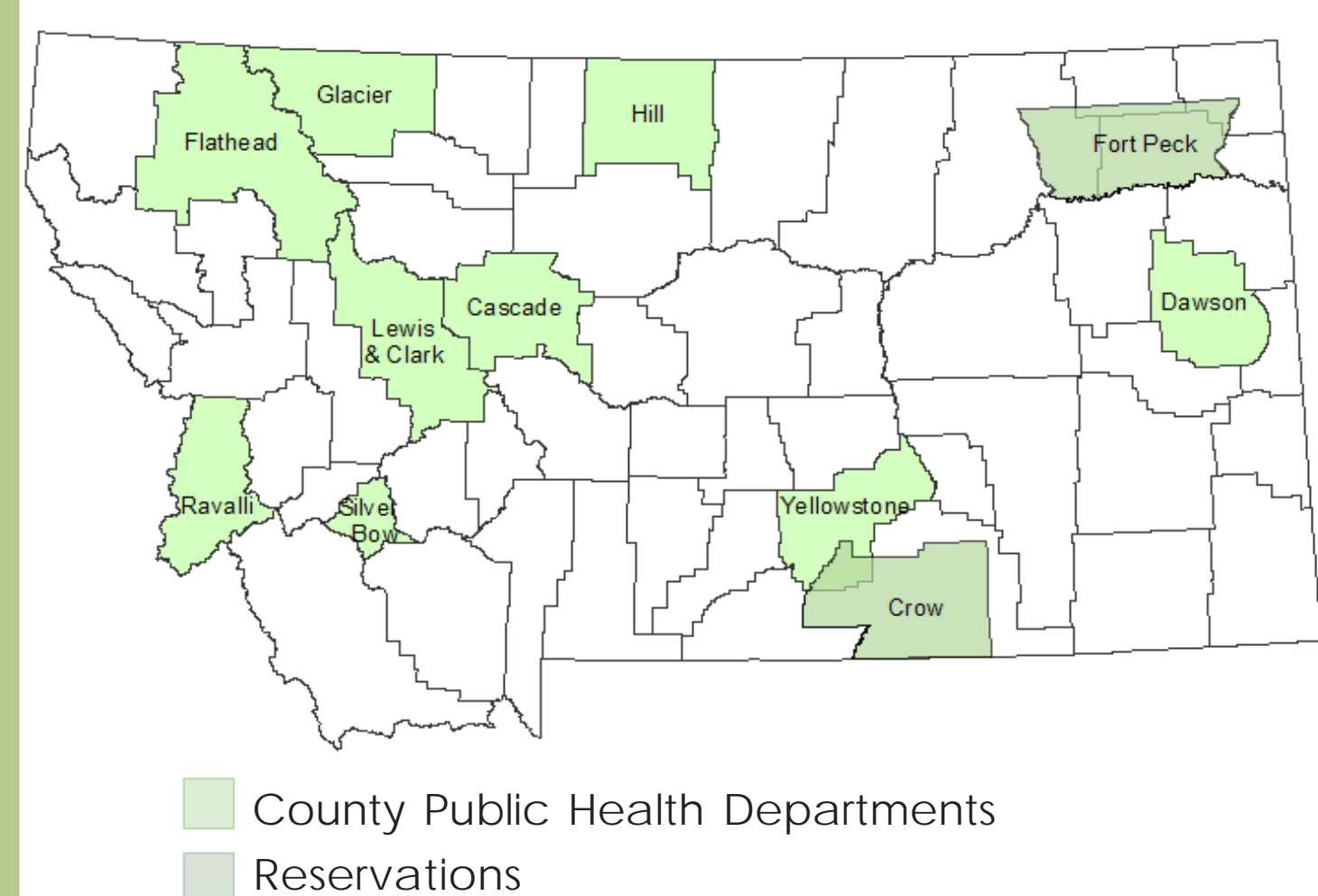
# Involving Tribal and County Public Health Partners in Environmental Public Health Tracking in Montana



## OBJECTIVES

- To obtain input from local communities through County and Tribal Health Departments for identifying priority environmental health (EH) concerns in Montana as part of Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT).
- To build county/tribal level support and understanding of the need to integrate public health & environmental data.
- To provide training and technical assistance to increase local capacity for conducting public environmental health assessments.

## POPULATIONS



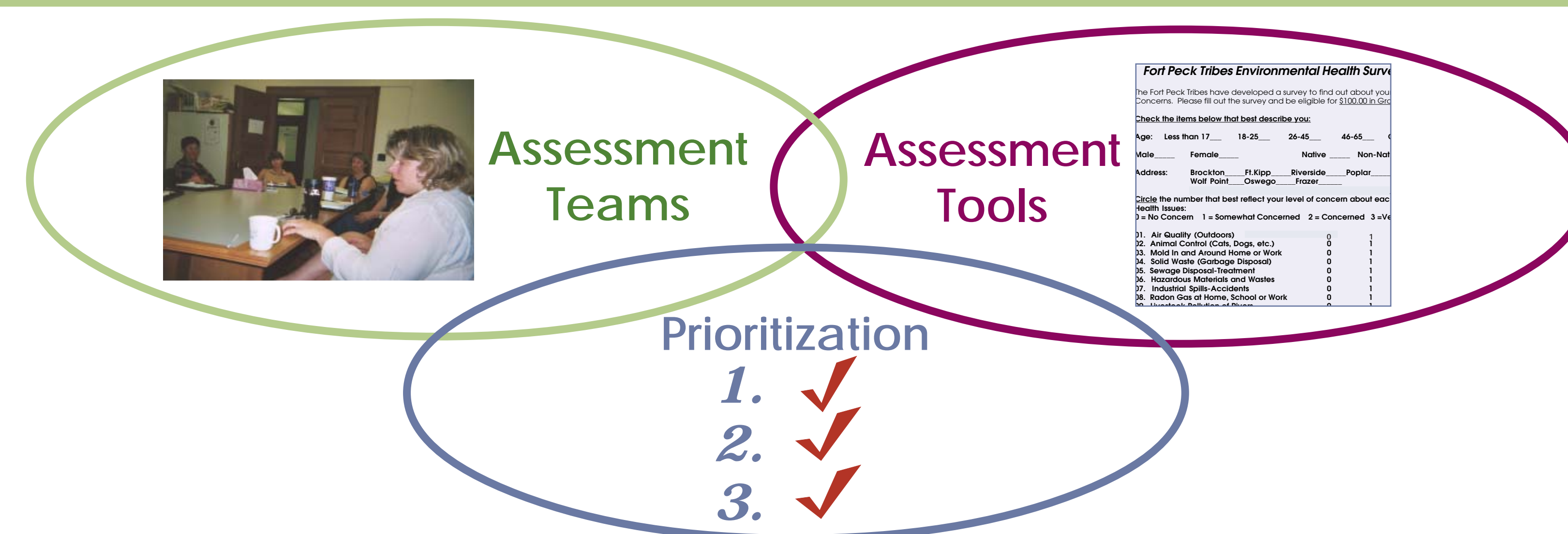
The 11 community environmental health assessment sites included 50.6% of Montana's total population, and 51.5% of the state's American Indian population.

## CONCLUSIONS

Involving Tribal and County Public Health Partners with Montana's EPHT project was beneficial because the community assessments:

- Provided deep community input to the Montana EPHT Project.
- Increased county/tribal support/understanding of the need to integrate public health & environmental data.
- Increased community awareness about EH issues.
- Allowed Tribal and County Health Departments to be proactive.
- Involved/engaged a new group of citizens.
- Developed assessment skills and built capacity at the local level.
- Increased local capacity to assess and address community EH concerns.

## METHODS



## EXAMPLES OF TOP PRIORITY ISSUES

- Water Quality - Safety of Drinking Water Supplies
- Methamphetamine Use
- Indoor Air Quality - Secondhand Tobacco Smoke
- Hazardous Chemicals - Agriculture, Forestry, Homeowner Use of Pesticides
- West Nile Virus

## ON-GOING TRAINING & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

